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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

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To the Chairman and Members of the Porthcawl Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Urban District of Porthcawl for the year 1970. The report has been prepared on the lines laid down in Circular 1/71 (Wales of the Welsh Board of Health.

Area of Urban District	3,737 acres
Rateable Value at 1970	£601,413
Product of a Penny Rate 1970	£2,300
Registrar General's estimate of Population Mid 1970	13,640

Census Population figures :—

Census 1911	3,443		
Census 1921	6,642		
Census 1931	6,447	Males	2,476
		Females	3,701
Census 1951	9,529	Males	4,283
		Females	5,246
Census 1961	11,086	Males	5,084
		Females	6,002

Censal Increase (1951-61)	1,557
Number of inhabited houses, 1921	1,297
Number of inhabited houses, 1961	3,425
Number of inhabited houses, 1970	4,649

Extracts from Vital Statistics

	Total	Male	Female
Live Births—			
Total Births	188	94	94
Legitimate	172	87	85
Illegitimate	16	7	9
Still Births :			
Legitimate	1	1	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Deaths : under 1 year of age			
Legitimate	5	4	1
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Deaths : under 4 weeks of age			
Legitimate	3	2	1
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Deaths : under 1 week of age			
Legitimate	2	2	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—

GLAMORGAN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY VITAL STATISTICS, 1969

		Estimated Population 1969	Live Births				Deaths			
			No. of Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Population		Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population		Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate
				Crude	Adjusted			Crude	Adjusted	
England and Wales		48,826,800	797,542	16.3	—	—	579,463	11.9	—	—
Administrative County		744,910	12,163	16.3	16.8	1.03	9,872	13.3	15.2	1.27
Urban Districts		523,220	8,125	15.5	16.0	0.98	7,152	13.7	15.5	1.30
Rural Districts		221,690	4,038	18.2	18.6	1.14	2,720	12.3	14.1	1.19
Health Division	**Constituent Districts**									
Aberdare and Mountain Ash	Aberdare Urban	38,210	650	17.0	18.5	1.14	661	17.3	17.5	1.47
	Mountain Ash Urban	28,130	449	16.0	16.0	0.98	398	14.1	16.9	1.42
Caerphilly and Gelligaer	Caerphilly Urban	38,890	797	20.0	19.6	1.20	430	10.8	13.5	1.13
	Gelligaer Urban	34,500	606	17.6	17.6	1.08	447	13.0	16.9	1.42
Mid Glamorgan	Bridgend Urban	15,260	190	12.5	12.9	0.79	186	12.2	13.1	1.10
	Maesteg Urban	21,220	357	16.8	17.5	1.07	268	12.6	15.5	1.30
	Ogmore & Garw Urban ...	20,190	330	16.3	16.8	1.03	256	12.7	15.6	1.31
	Porthcawl Urban	13,410	185	13.8	16.3	1.00	176	13.1	10.5	0.88
	Penybont Rural	50,010	1,028	20.6	19.8	1.21	674	13.5	13.0	1.09
Neath and District	Neath M.B.	29,690	380	12.8	13.3	0.82	443	14.9	16.1	1.35
	Neath Rural	40,630	637	15.7	16.3	1.00	562	13.8	16.7	1.40
Pontypridd and Llantrisant	Llantrisant Rural	33,230	727	21.9	22.6	1.38	392	11.8	15.9	1.34
	Pontypridd Urban	35,010	539	15.4	15.7	0.96	532	15.2	15.7	1.32
Port Talbot and Glyncorrwg	Glyncorrwg Urban	9,360	172	18.4	17.8	1.09	105	11.2	16.1	1.36
	Port Talbot M.B.	50,970	706	13.9	13.8	0.84	655	12.9	17.2	1.44
South East Glamorgan	Barry M.B.	42,500	649	15.3	15.8	0.97	486	11.4	12.3	1.03
	Cardiff Rural	29,080	606	20.8	19.1	1.17	310	10.7	11.6	0.97
	Cowbridge M.B.	1,430	38	26.6	26.3	1.62	10	7.0	7.3	0.61
	Cowbridge Rural	23,000	401	17.4	19.8	1.22	149	6.5	11.4	0.96
	Penarth Urban	23,120	345	14.9	16.1	0.99	277	12.0	11.2	0.94
West Glamorgan	Gower Rural	16,100	261	16.2	17.0	1.04	195	12.1	13.4	1.13
	Llwchwr Urban	26,030	380	14.6	15.6	0.96	372	14.3	15.6	1.31
	Pontardawe Rural	29,640	378	12.8	14.5	0.89	438	14.8	15.2	1.28
Rhondda M.B.		94,300	1,352	14.3	14.7	0.90	1,450	15.4	17.2	1.45

Death Rate of infants under 1 year	27
Still Birth Rate	5
Death Rate of Infants under 1 week	11
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	40

GENERAL AND WELFARE SERVICES

1—Services provided by the Glamorgan County Council—

(a) At the Divisional Health Office, Quarella Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2515), the following services are provided :—

Maternity and Child Welfare, Home Nursing, Chiropody, Home Help, School Medical and Health visiting. These services are administered by the Divisional Medical Officer.

(b) Mental Health Services—

The Area Mental Office is at the County Council Clinc at Elm Crescent, Bryntirion, Bridgend, Tel. Bridgend 5297.

(c) Ambulance Service—

The Ambulance Station for your area is situated at the Ambulance Centre, Canal Road, Neath (Tel. No. Neath 3641).

(d) Welfare Service—

The local office for this service is at the Cambria House, Wyndham Street, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 3535). Officers of the Welfare Department are available to offer assistance and advice to those in need of hostel accommodation, the blind and the handicapped.

In the Mid-Glamorgan area there are seven County Council Homes, which provide accommodation for aged persons of both sexes. These are Craig-y-Parcau, Bridgend (19M, 20F); Moorlands, Porthcawl (7M, 18F); Danygraig, Porthcawl (21M, 12F); Hyfrydol, Maesteg (12M, 24F); Trem-y-Mor, Bettws (14M, 21F); Troed-y-Ton, Kenfig Hill (8M, 29F); and Llannerch, Merthyr Mawr (15M, 20F).

(e) Children's Department—

The office of the Children's Department of the County Council is at the County Hall, Cardiff. There is however, a sub-office at Minerva Street, Bridgend (Tel. No. 2725).

2—Hospital Services—

Hospital facilities for your area are administered by the Bro Morgannwg Hospital Management Committee. The office of this Committee is at " Garthmor." Old Road, Neath (Tel. No. 3606.) The following is a list of the hospitals and clinics serving the Mid Glamorgan area.

(i) Bridgend General Hospital, Quarella Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 3341)—408 beds.

(ii) Bridgend and District Cottage Hospital, Merthyrmawr Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. 2427)—36 beds.

(iii) Cefn Hirgoed Hospital, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2478) 78 beds. (54 for Chest Diseases, 10 for Obstetrics, 14 for Gynaecology).

(iv) Blackmill Isolation Hospital (Tel. Ogmore Valley 207)—44 beds, (26 for Infectious Diseases, 18 for Pre-Convalescence).

(v) Heddfan, Cefn Hirgoed Hospital, Bridgend (Tel. No. Aberkenfig 240)—16 beds for aged persons.

(vi) Maesgwyn Hospital, Bryncethin. (Tel. No. Aberkenfig 371)—Inpatient—61 beds for aged person. Day Hospital—Accommodation for 25 persons.

(vii) Maesteg General Hospital (Tel. Maesteg 3116)—69 beds. (55 General, 14 Maternity).

(viii) Maesteg Isolation Hospital (Tel. Maesteg 2127)—18 beds. (8 for Infectious Diseases, 10 for Pre-Convalescence).

(ix) Llwydarth Hospital (Tel. Maesteg 2110)—13 beds. (G.P. beds).

(x) Penyfai Hospital ..... 120 beds

(xi) Glanrhyd Hospital ..... 780 beds

(xii) Parc Hospital ..... 1,042 beds

(xiii) Bridgend Chest Clinic, Old Cottage Hospital, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2345).

(xiv) V.D. Clinic, Oakwood Street, Port Talbot.

3—Services provided by Government Departments—

(a) Ministry of Social Security.

The office for the Council's area is situated at — The Central Buildings, Mary Street, Porthcawl (Tel. No. Porthcawl 2282).

This office also serves the following areas in Cornelly, Kenfig, Kenfig Hill and Pyle.

Cases in receipt of benefit referred by the Ministry of Social Security to the Welsh Board of Health, and claimants of a disablement benefit under the National Industrial Injuries Act are examined at "Garth-Celyn," Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 3658).

(b) Ministry of Social Security—

The area office for your district is at Angel Street, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2651).

To assist residents in the Porthcawl area a supplementary station in the Central Buildings, Mary Street, Porthcawl, is open each week on Friday 10-12 a.m.

General Practitioner Services.

This service is provided by the Glamorgan Executive Council, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff. (Tel. No. Cardiff 26216).

Laboratory Facilities.

All bacteriological and chemical analyses relating to water, milk and ice-cream are carried out for your area by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Institute of Preventive Medicine, The Parade, Cardiff.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

(a) Section 50—Burial of the Dead.

During the year no burial under this section of the Act was required.

(b) Removal to suitable Premises of Persons in need of Care and Attention.

It was not necessary to take any compulsory action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act. Two persons however, were found to be in need of care and attention and were persuaded to voluntarily enter hospital for care and treatment.

TUBERCULOSIS

Facilities for the diagnosis and home and clinic treatment of Tuberculosis are obtained through the Chest Physician, Old Cottage Hospital, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2345). The Chest Physicians are also responsible for the medical treatment of cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis at the Cefn Hirgoed Isolation Hospital.

New Cases of Mortality during 1970

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and of deaths from the disease in the area during 1970.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—44 years ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—64 years ...	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over ...	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Totals ...	7	—	—	—	1	1	—	—

Notification of Tuberculosis during 1970 and the previous Twenty Years

Year	CASES			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1950	10	6	—	—
1951	3	2	1	1
1952	4	5	3	1
1953	3	3	2	2
1954	1	5	—	1
1955	2	3	—	—
1956	5	—	—	1
1957	5	2	—	2
1958	—	1	—	1
1959	3	1	1	—
1960	3	2	—	—
1961	3	2	—	—
1962	3	3	—	—
1963	—	1	—	—
1964	4	1	—	—
1965	3	1	—	1
1966	3	1	—	—
1967	2	—	—	—
1968	2	1	—	—
1969	4	—	—	—
1970	7	1	—	—

Deaths from Tuberculosis during 1970 and the previous Twenty Years

Year	DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1950	2	2	—	—
1951	1	—	—	—
1952	3	—	—	—
1953	2	1	—	—
1954	—	3	1	—
1955	—	—	—	—
1956	—	—	—	1
1957	—	—	—	—
1958	—	1	—	1
1959	1	—	—	—
1960	1	1	—	—
1961	1	—	—	—
1962	2	—	—	—
1963	—	—	—	—
1964	—	—	—	—
1965	1	—	—	—
1966	—	—	—	—
1967	—	—	—	—
1968	—	—	—	—
1969	—	—	—	—
1970	1	1	—	—

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1—Water Supply.

The statutory water undertaking for the Urban District is the Mid-Glamorgan Water Board of which the Council is a constituent authority with the three members sitting on the Board. The other constitutent authorities are Cowbridge Borough, the Urban Districts of Maesteg, Bridgend, and Ogmore and Garw, and the Rural Districts of Cowbridge and Penybont.

The Board serves in all a population of 144,000 with an average of 7 million gallons a day rising to 8½ million gallons a day in times of dry weather.

The Board owns a number of sources of water both surface and underground throughout its area. Porthcawl is supplied partly from the Craig-yr-Aber gathering grounds, and partly from the large underground source at Schwyll, near Ogmore-by-Sea. The Schwyll water being derived from lime formation, is hard. Approximately half the Urban District is supplied from Craig-yr-Aber source and half from the Schwyll source, but due to the heavy demand during the summer season, almost 80% of the water supplied during that period is from the Schwyll source.

All houses in the area are provided with individual water supplies direct to the houses.

2—Drainage and Sewerage.

The major portion of the district is sewered ; one small section has a separate system for surface water drainage the remainder is on a combined system. The part of the Urban Area, west of the railway, drains by gravity to a sea outfall near Iron Gate Point. Most of the sewage of the Eastern section gravitates to a pumping station at Glan Road, the remainder to a sea outfall situated at Newton Point.

Cesspools.

The emptying and cleansing of cesspools is carried out by the Council's workmen under the direction of the Surveyor. Within your area there are 22 cesspools which serve 31 houses.

THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF TOWN REFUSE

Collection.

This work is carried out by the Council's own staff under the direction and supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor. Residential quarters have a weekly collection of their household refuse, whilst from business centres and hotels the refuse is collected twice weekly, or more frequently if the necessity exists.

All refuse is collected in modern and specially designed motor vehicles, thereby reducing to a minimum any nuisance which may arise.

Refuse Disposal.

The disposal of refuse is by "Controlled Tipping," the tip being situated on the sand dunes in the eastern part of your area. The tipping is carried out in proper layer formation, the refuse being levelled and top dressed with sand.

The problem of finding suitable tipping land, however, continues to be of an urgent and major problem in your District.

Back Lanes.

Every effort is made to keep back lanes of the District as clean and passable as present circumstances will allow. Frequent inspections are made with a view to preventing deposit and accumulation of refuse thereon.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

(i) The number and nature of inspections.

General Sanitation

Water Supply	597
Drainage	766
Tents, Vans, Sheds	1,287
Factories	13
Bakehouses	5
Public Conveniences	308
Theatre and Places of Entertainment	4
Refuse Collection	111
Refuse Disposal	210
Rats and Mice	43
Schools	4
Shops	102
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	719

Housing

UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS	
Number of Houses inspected	30
Visits paid to above Houses	30
UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS	
Number of Houses inspected	19
Visits paid to other Houses	19
VERMINOUS PREMISES	
Number of Houses inspected	5
Visits paid to above Houses	6
HOUSING	
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	97

Infectious Diseases

Miscellaneous Infectious Disease visits	20

Meat and Food Inspection

Visits to:

Meat Shops	342
Fishmongers and Poulterers	343
Fried Fish Shops	306
Grocers	681
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	703
Food Preparing Premises	578
Restaurants	459
Ice Cream Premises	355
Miscellaneous Food Visits	723

Factories.

There are 45 Factories (Mechanical and Non Mechanical) in the district as follows:

Engineering Works (Motor Repair, etc.)	11
Light Engineering	1
Panel Beaters	2
Breakers (Scrap Dealers)	2
Quarries	2
Sewage Pumping Stations	2
Plumbers	3
Bakeries	3
Shoe Repairs	3
Cycle Repairs	1
Builders' Workshops) Timber Merchants and Joiners)	14
Jewel Factory	1

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHOPS ACTS

Number of Shop Premises on the Register	265
Visits paid to Shops during year	601

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Number of establishments licensed under this Act	2

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

A firm of Rodent Control Contractors are employed by the Council for the destruction of Rodents throughout the district. All complaints from private and business premises were attended to, the treatment being carried out free of charge in private premises, but treatment at business and commercial premises was carried out on a contract basis.

At points where there was a good take, follow-up treatments were done. Regular treatments of the sewers with highly toxic poisons has resulted in less complaints being received of surface infestation as compared with previously when there was a tendency for rats to breed in the sewers.

Below is a copy of the annual report forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in respect of the above :—

Properties Other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	5,391	14
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	217	—
(b) Number infested by—		
(i) Rats	106	—
(ii) Mice	11	—
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	111	—
(b) Number infested by—		
(i) Rats	54	—
(ii) Mice	—	—

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS

31 visits were made to 21 premises.

The work of disinfestation was carried out by the Public Health Department and the costs incurred were recovered from the owner and/or occupier of the infested premises. In every instance contact insecticides were used, and the results proved satisfactory.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Atmospheric pollution is not a problem in your area and no action was necessary.

SCHOOLS IN THE PORTHCAWL AREA

Twenty-one visits were made to schools during the year. There are, in your area four large, well-equipped schools provided by the County Council.

Two modern Primary Schools serve the East Ward of the area.

The third incorporating all the latest facilities in modern design, is situated at the north end of Suffolk Place, in the West Ward of the area.

The Fourth school is a modern Secondary School situated in Park Avenue, in the West Ward. This latter school is of modern design and situated in pleasant surroundings.

In addition there are also the following schools in the Porthcawl district :

1. St. Clare's Convent School, Newton.
2. St. John's Preparatory School, Newton.
3. The Cardiff Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Nottage.

HOUSING

General Observations.

During the year 118 houses were erected by private enterprise, and nil by the Local Authority.

I wish to thank the Housing Manager for his co-operation in discussing with me housing problems complicated by medical features.

The following are particulars of the Housing position as at the end of the year :

1. Number of dwellings owned by the Council	441
2. Number of applicants housed	12
3. Transfers effected	6

Particulars relating to registered applicants :

Total applications on Live List (excluding O.A.P.) ...	314
Applications for Aged Persons' Bungalows	109
4. Applications received locally during 1970	
For Houses	61
For O.A.P. Bungalows/One Bedroom Flats	24

The following table indicates the progress of house erection in the Urban Area from 1893 to 1970.

From	1893 to 1900	55	houses	were	completed	and	occupied
,,	1900 to 1905	96	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1905 to 1910	492	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1910 to 1915	249	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1915 to 1920	98	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1920 to 1925	233	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1925 to 1930	137	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1930 to 1935	275	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1935 to 1940	337	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1940 to 1945	—	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1945 to 1950	201	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1950 to 1955	350	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1955 to 1960	371	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1960 to 1961	144	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1961 to 1962	163	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1962 to 1963	148	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1963 to 1964	174	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1964 to 1965	154	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1965 to 1966	141	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1966 to 1967	156	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1967 to 1968	45	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1968 to 1969	114	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,
,,	1969 to 1970	118	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of houses erected by the Local Authority :—

(1) Under the Housing Acts 441

(2) Other Powers ..... —

Number of houses erected during the years :—

Total 118

(1) By Local Authority ..... —

(2) By Other Bodies and Persons 118

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

(1) Clearance Areas ..... —

(2) Closing and Demolition Orders ..... —

(3) Housing Repairs :—

(a) Unfit houses made fit by—

(1) Informal Action 135

(2) Formal Action : Public Health Acts—

(a) By Owners ..... —

(b) By Council ..... —

Housing Acts—

(a) By Owners ..... —

(b) By Council ..... —

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

During the summer months 9 Caravan sites were in use. 1,287 visits were made to these sites in 1970.

Very good co-operation is received from the caravan owners in connection with the conditions that were imposed on their Licences as the result of the Caravan and Control of Development Act, 1960.

The figures, set out hereunder, relate to conditions prevailing at the peak period for camping, viz.: August first week. (Figures in brackets relate to the official Bank Holiday, i.e. 31/8/70).

	Ordinary Camps	*Organised Camps*
Aggregate No. of structures occupied	4,723 (4,221)	349 (321)
Aggregate No. of occupants estimate at 5 persons per structure	23,615 (20,110)	1,718 (1,645) (Actual)

For Comparison

	Total Camping Population		*Total No. of Occupied Structures*
Year 1970	25,333	...	1970 5,072
„ 1969	24,496	...	1969 4,894
„ 1968	24,716	...	1968 4,970
„ 1967	21,327	...	1967 4,244
„ 1966	22,105	...	1966 4,437
„ 1965	21,985	...	1965 4,400
„ 1964	20,626	...	1964 4,141
„ 1963	16,965	...	1963 3,390
„ 1962	17,090	...	1962 3,418
„ 1961	17,372	...	1961 3,492
„ 1960	16,257	...	1960 3,273
„ 1959	18,264	...	1959 3,681
„ 1958	17,267	...	1958 3,465
„ 1957	16,445	...	1957 3,295
„ 1956	15,266	...	1956 3,078
„ 1955	16,200	...	1955 2,777
„ 1954	13,947	...	1954 2,346
„ 1953	12,072	...	1953 2,042
„ 1952	12,072	...	1952 2,055
„ 1951	11,305	...	1951 1,889
„ 1950	10,719	...	1950 1,794
„ 1945	10,936	...	1945 1,706
„ 1938	7,715	...	1938 1,582

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Hygiene Regulations.

The regulations came into operation in 1956, and have resulted in an improvement in the handling and distribution of food.

Continued vigilance and frequent inspections are required in order to maintain a high standard of cleanliness in the shops, cafes and hotels and to impress on those in control the heavy responsibility that is placed upon them in ensuring that the Regulations are in all aspects observed.

MEAT INSPECTION

There is no public slaughterhouse or licensed private slaughterhouse within your area.

Your area, therefore has to rely on the facilities available at the Bridgend Slaughterhouse, and to a lesser degree at the Port Talbot Slaughterhouse.

Number of Meat Shops	19
Visits to Meat Shops	342

OTHER FOOD PREMISES

4,347 visits have been paid to other premises (bakehouses, cafes, fishmongers, etc.), where food intended for human consumption is prepared, stored or sold.

UNSOUND FOOD 1970

The undermentioned foodstuffs were, upon examination, rejected as unfit for human consumption :

175lbs. Cooked Ham; 111lbs. Corned Beef; 170lbs. Beef; 64lbs. pork; 35lbs. Lamb; 26lbs. Rabbit; 7lbs. Chicken; 6lbs. Veal; 60lbs. Luncheon Meat; 72lbs. Tongue; 60lbs. Casserole Meat; 30lbs. Misc. Meat Products; 249lbs. Tomatoes; 150lbs. Peaches; 94lbs. Fruit Cocktail; 51lbs. Grapefruit; 26lbs. Plumbs; 87lbs. Pears; 23lbs. Pineapple; 23lbs. Apricots; 61lbs. Cherries; 17lbs. Apples; 14lbs. Oranges; 40lbs. Misc. Fruit (Canned); 28lbs. Cream; 30lbs. Rice; 40lbs. Margerine; 220lbs. Biscuits; 34lbs. Misc. Confectionery; 6½lbs. Cheese; 114lbs. Peas; 31lbs. Beans; 14lbs. Potatoes; 14lbs. Carrots; 6lbs. Sprouts; 40lbs. Misc. Vegetables; 61lbs. Soups; 27lbs. Salmon; 5lbs. Plaice; 5lbs. Cod; 10lbs. Fish Cakes; 5lbs. Misc. Fish Products.

ICE CREAM

The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations came into force on the 1st May, 1947. These regulations prescribe the method by which Ice Cream should be manufactured. The occupiers of all the registered premises within the Urban District are aware of the requirements of these Regulations.

Total number of premises registered	97
(a) Number registered for manufacture storage and sale of Ice Cream	2
(b) Number registered for storage and sale of Ice Cream only	95
Visits of inspection in connection with the above ...	355

ADULTERATION OF FOOD, etc.

Public Health Inspectors of the Glamorgan County Council are responsible for the sampling under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. The following samples were taken in the Council's area during 1970—

Butter	4
Cheese	1
Coffee and Chicory	1
Colouring	1
Cooking fat/oil	4
Lard	1
Margerine	4
Meat Products	1
Milk	13
Mince Meat	1
Pickles	1
Salad Cream	1
Soda Water	1
Soft Drinks	12
Tea	1
Shandy	1
Total	48

FACTORIES

The factories in the district have been systematically inspected and the details as required by the Factory Act, 1961 are set out in the table below.

1—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of— Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	4	—	—
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	41	—	—	—
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	...	—	—
Total	45	4	—	—

FACTORIES—Continued

2—Cases in which **DEFECTS** were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found—				Number of cases in which prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	*Remedied*	*Referred to H.M. Inspector*	*Referred by H.M. Inspector*	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—

3—**Outwork**—During the year 2 outworkers were notified as residing in this district.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This part of the Officers duties is time consuming, but has been very worthwhile. We are pleased to record that most Offices were found to be satisfactory, and full co-operation has been received from the Owners and Occupiers alike.

One feature which we could mention, which has proved beneficial to employees, is that the lighting standards have been considerably improved on a voluntary basis.

The following is an extract from the Annual Report submitted to the Ministry of Labour for the Porthcawl District.

Class of Premises	No. of Premises registered during the year	Total No. of Registered Premises at the end of year	No. of Persons Employed
Offices	6	41	246
Retail Shops	20	128	496
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	6	34
Catering Estabs., open to public, canteens	—	36	324
Fuel Storage Depots	—	—	—
			1,100
Totals	27	211	(363 Males 737 F'males)

Diseases Notified during the year 1970

Notifiable Diseases	Cases Notified in Whole District At Ages — Years										
	Under 1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—
Measles	4	11	10	13	8	32	2	—	—	—	1
Tuberculosis											
(a) Pulmonary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
(b) Non Pulmonary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	2	2	2	1	3	5	—	—	—	—	—
Infective Hepatitis	—	—	4	1	3	11	6	3	—	1	4
TOTALS	6	13	16	15	14	48	8	3	—	3	10

DEATHS FROM CANCER 1970

Organ affected	0—25 yrs.		25—35 yrs.		35—45 yrs.		45—55 yrs.		55—65 yrs.		65—75 yrs.		75 over		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	4
Buchal Cavity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Intestine	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	1	1	3	4
Lungs and Bronchus	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	5	—
Oesophagus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	1
Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	2	2
Uterus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	3
Other Neoplasms	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	1	4	2	9	3
TOTAL	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	4	4	9	8	5	4	20	18

CAUSES OF DEATH IN PORTHCAWL URBAN DISTRICT

1970

Population — 13,640

Cause of Death	M	F
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	—
Late effects of Respiratory Tuberculosis	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm — Buchal Cavity	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm — Oesophagus	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm — Stomach	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm — Intestine	3	4
Malignant Neoplasm — Lungs, Bronchus	5	—
Malignant Neoplasm — Breast	—	4
Malignant Neoplasm — Uterus	—	3
Leukaemia	—	1
Other Malignant Neoplasm	8	2
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	—
Diabetes Mellitus	—	2
Anaemias	—	5
Other Diseases of the Blood	1	—
Other Diseases of the Nervous System	—	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	30	26
Other Diseases of the Heart	2	8
Cerebrovascular Disease	16	24
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	5	3
Influenza	3	1
Pneumonia	8	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	—
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	—
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	2
Other Diseases of Genito-Urinary System	2	5
Congenital Anomalies	1	—
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	1
Symptons and Ill Defined Conditions	1	—
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	2
All Other Accidents	2	—
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	—
All Other External Causes	1	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	108	108

In conclusion, I wish to again record my indebtedness to all Council members and the Council staff, for their willing assistance during the year. In particular I would like to thank Mr. Trevor Rees, your Chief Public Health Inspector, and other members of the Public Health Department for their co-operation in maintaining the efficiency of this Department and in compiling this report.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. ALUN EVANS,

Medical Officer of Health.